

# Rule-Making Fact Sheet

(5 MRSA §8057-A)

AGENCY: Department of Environmental Protection

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CHAPTER NUMBER AND RULE TITLE:

Chapter 650: Damage Claims – Oil Conveyance Fund

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 38 MRSA §546(4)(H)

DATE AND PLACE OF PUBLIC HEARING:

The department does not currently plan to hold a public hearing as part of this rule repeal proceeding.

COMMENT DEADLINE: August 5, 2011

PRINCIPAL REASON OR PURPOSE FOR PROPOSING THIS RULE:

Chapter 650 as adopted in 1974 and amended in 1983 was intended to outline the procedure for processing damage claims filed under 38 MRSA § 551, sub-§3 [providing for reimbursement of oil spill damages from the Maine Coastal and Inland Surface Oil Fund]. The department proposes to repeal the chapter in its entirety because it has become obsolete with the passage of time. The chapter has not been amended to reflect numerous revisions to the underlying statute since 1983 and does not reflect current department administrative practice.

ANALYSIS AND EXPECTED OPERATION OF THE RULE:

Not applicable... the purpose of this rulemaking proceeding is to repeal the rule.

FISCAL IMPACT OF THE RULE:

The repeal of chapter 650 has no apparent fiscal implications for the department or for persons seeking State coverage of damages from oil spills.